Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB2431 **Patron:** Callsen
Bill Title: Attorneys; preliminary proof of education required of applicant for Virginia Bar examination; graduates of foreign universities; emergency.

Bill Summary: Allows individuals who have received a bachelor's degree or higher from a foreign university verified by an academic credential evaluation service and meet other requirements set out in the bill to sit for the Virginia Bar examination. The bill also requires the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV), upon request by the Board of Bar Examiners (VBBE), to provide VBBE with a list of academic credential evaluation services that may be used for the verification of foreign universities.

The bill contains an emergency clause that makes it effective upon passage.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No **Items Impacted:** N/A
Explanation: N/A

Fiscal Summary: According to the Virginia State Bar, this bill will not have a fiscal impact on agency operations. The VBBE reports that the fiscal impact this bill may have on agency operations is not known at this time. If additional information becomes available, this fiscal impact statement will be revised.

SCHEV expects to be able to absorb any fiscal impact this bill may have.

Fiscal Analysis: None required

Other: None